



# Utah State Courts

## The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity

### What?

*Judge for a Day is a program organized by the Utah State Courts to provide high school students with an opportunity to shadow a judge for one day in April or May. The school selects a student to participate in the program based on a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume, or a teacher nomination.*

### Why?

*Judge for a Day was established to recognize Law Day on May 1. The 2008 Law Day theme is "The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity." Law Day 2008 will explore the meaning of the rule of law and foster public understanding of the rule of law through discussion of its role in a free society.*

### Who?

*Students will be paired with a judge from one of eight court districts for one day. The student will spend from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the judge to learn what it takes to be a judge and to learn more about the judicial branch of government.*

### How?

*Submit the application form along with a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume, or teacher nomination by March 14, 2008 to the Utah State Courts' Public Information Officer Nancy Volmer at [nancyv@email.utcourts.gov](mailto:nancyv@email.utcourts.gov) or fax to (801) 578-3843. For more information on the Law Day theme, go to [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).*

*Fifty years ago President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law."*

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*Utah's courts are committed to open, fair, and independent justice.*